Establishing a Neighborhood Watch

Recently many San Mateo County residents have asked how to establish a neighborhood watch for your neighborhood. We hope the following information will be helpful. The Sheriff's Office has packets that neighborhood groups can pick up. These packets outline what it takes to start a program in your neighborhood. You can pick up a packet by contacting the Community Policing Unit Deputy supporting your area. Contact information is listed below. A Community Policing Unit Deputy can also outline everyone's role in the neighborhood watch and explain what is involved. The biggest thing you, as a prospective neighborhood watch candidate, should know is that the neighborhood watch is run by you. You will setup a liaison to contact us with questions after it is up and running; there is little involvement from the Sheriff's Office once the program is up and running. Here is the contact information for the Deputies assigned to the various parts of our County jurisdiction. Please refer to this list to speak with a Deputy supporting the area you live.

Community Policing Unit Deputy Contact Information
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